



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

WEBB COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1000 HOUSTON STREET, 2ND FLOOR
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
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MARGIE R. IBARRA
COUNTY CLERK
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CALL TO ORDER BY THE HONORABLE TANO E. TIJERINA, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

1. Roll Call by Honorable Margie Ramirez-Ibarra, Webb County Clerk
2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
3. Discussion and possible action for Approval of Bills, Payroll, and Monthly Reports (Auditor, Treasurer, Emergency Management, Human Resources, Judicial Collections, Risk Management, Tax Assessor-Collector; and any other Department reports); and any other matters incident thereto.
4. Public Comment - This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member, individually or in a group, will be allowed a total of Three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

CONSENT AGENDA: At most meetings, the Commissioners Court establishes a Consent Agenda. It consists of those Agenda Items which are routine or non-controversial, and which neither a member of the Commissioners court has asked to be pulled for discussion. Once the Commissioners Court has established the Consent Agenda, Agenda Items included on it will be voted upon in one vote, and will not be discussed separately unless requested by the County Judge or Commissioners.

The consent agenda has been created in order to give constituents the opportunity to view any and all pertinent backup information with reference to any item in the agenda. The objective of the consent agenda is for all Webb County constituents to be familiar with everyday county business and to demonstrate the transparency and fairness of this Commissioners Court.

The following Agenda Items are of a routine nature, and the Commissioners Court has received supporting materials for consideration. All of these Agenda Items will be passed with one vote without being discussed separately, unless a member of the Commissioners Court or the public requests that a particular Agenda Item be discussed. If so, that Agenda Item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed as part of the regular Agenda at the appropriate time. One vote will approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS

5. Auditor

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following line item transfer within State Forfeiture funds; and any other matters incident thereto. No impact to the General Funds. **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar, Fund #2151]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Requested	Current	End Balance
From:	2151-3010-001-454000-030	Adv. Awareness & Activities	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$45,264.92	\$30,264.92
To:	2151-9080-001-485005	Transfer Out	-0-	\$15,000	-0-	\$15,000.00

Issue: Line item transfer is to cover the difference on fringe benefits for Grant Fund 2906 (HIDTA Investigators) for FY 2022.

Solution: Request a line item transfer.

Result: The investigators can continue to serve the community through this important interagency task force.

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Grant Funds; and any other matters incident thereto: **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar; Grant Fund #2468-3010 (Peace Officers)]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2468-3010-001-413000	Overtime	\$531,202	\$3,135	\$277,840.42	\$274,705.42
	2468-3010-001-422000	FICA County Share	\$40,659	\$279	\$21,296.63	\$21,017.63
	2468-3010-001-425000	Unemployment Tax	\$3,511	\$277	\$1,872.76	\$1,595.76
	2468-3010-001-426000	Worker Compensation	\$15,953	\$108	\$8,352.13	\$8,244.13
				\$3,799		

To:	2468-3010-001-423000	Retirement County Share	\$65,405	\$3,799	\$33,674.12	\$37,473.12
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Issue: There was an increase in the retirement rate for the County's contribution.

Solution: Request a line item transfer.

Result: The line item transfer will avoid deficits in the retirement accounts for the peace officers.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) with Grant Funds; and any other matter incident thereto. **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar; Grant Fund #2468-4070 (Radio Dispatchers)]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2468-4070-001-413000	Overtime	\$28,717	\$224	\$18,598.21	\$18,374.21
	2468-4070-001-422000	FICA County Share	\$2,198	\$16	\$1,423.95	\$1,407.95
	2468-4070-001-425000	Unemployment Tax	\$190	\$16	\$125.64	\$109.64
	2468-4070-001-426000	Worker Compensation	\$863	\$6	\$559.47	\$553.47
				\$262		
To:	2468-4070-001-423000	Retirement County Share	\$3,533	\$262	\$2,247.35	\$2,509.35

Issue: There was an increase in the retirement rate for the County's contribution.

Solution: Request a line item transfer.

Result: The line item transfer will avoid deficits in the retirement accounts for the radio dispatchers.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) withing Grant Funds; and any other matter incident thereto: **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar; Grant Fund #2468-5150 M&A]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2468-5150-001-413000	Overtime	\$5,548	\$52	\$4,271.84	\$4,219.84
	2468-5150-001-422000	FICA County Share	\$424	\$2	\$326.37	\$324.37
	2468-5150-001-425000	Unemployment Tax	\$37	\$2	\$28.75	\$26.75
				\$56		
To:	2468-5150-001-423000	Retirement County Share	\$682	\$56	\$522.18	\$578.18

Issue: There was an increase in the retirement rate for the County's contribution.

Solution: Request a line item transfer.

Result: The line item transfer will avoid deficits in the retirement accounts for Management & Administration.

- e. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within OPSG fund. **[Requested by Rudy Rodriguez, Constable Pct. 1]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2468-3150-001-413000	Overtime	\$21,164	\$9.00	\$669.88	\$660.88

To:	2468-3150-001-423000	Retirement County Share	\$2,604	\$8.00	\$83.24	\$91.24
	2468-3150-001-425000	Unemployment	\$139	\$1.00	\$3.75	\$4.75
				\$9.00		

Issue: Funds in the fringe benefit account are not enough for future wages in 2020 OPSG (Fund 2468).

Solution: Transfer funds within the OPSG account.

Result: Sufficient funds will be available for future wages.

- f. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (supplemental budget and line item transfers) to carry over unobligated funds from year 3 to year 4 of Grant No. T1081059; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Drug Court Program]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2353-1020-330300-030	Grant Revenue	\$400,000	\$46,234.13	\$46,234.13	\$0
To:	2353-1020-003-410000	Payroll Cost	\$156,200	\$600.00	\$110,545.28	\$111,145.28
	2353-1020-003-412000	Part-time	\$0	\$400.00	\$0	\$400.00
	2353-1020-003-423000	Retirement County Share	\$20,773	\$400.00	\$14,877.99	\$15,277.99
	2353-1020-003-421000	Health Life Insurance	\$27,456	\$1,200.00	\$18,906.00	\$20,106.00
	2353-1020-003-458000	Administrative Travel	\$5,253	\$9,000.13	\$5,253.00	\$14,253.13
	2353-1020-003-456005	Postage and Courier Service	\$0	\$1,200.00	\$0	\$1,200.00
	2353-1020-003-461000	Materials and Supplies	\$500	\$6,500.00	\$36	\$6,500.36
	2353-1020-003-459020	Other Expenses	\$41,499	\$26,934.00	\$21,499.00	\$48,433.00
				\$46,234.13		

Issue: Additional funds are necessary to cover program expenses for Year 4.

Solution: Approve a carry over of unobligated funds from Year 3 as previously approved by the funding agency.

Result: Ensure funding within accounts for the remainder of the grant period ending September 29, 2022.

- g. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within Grant funds. **[Requested by Mike Villarreal, Constable Pct. 2]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2468-3180-001-413000	Overtime	\$26,365	\$95	\$8,813.11	\$8,718.11
	2468-3180-001-422000	FICA County Share	\$,2017	\$5	\$674.25	\$669.25
	2468-3180-001-425000	Unemployment Tax	\$174	\$5	\$58.15	\$53.15
				\$105		
To:	2468-3180-001-423000	Retirement County Share	\$3,245	\$105	\$1,086.11	\$1,191.11

Issue: Funds in the Retirement County Share are depleted. There isn't enough funds for future wages in OPSG FY 2020.

Solution: With the approval to transfers funds from Overtime, FICA County Share, and Unemployment Tax will give enough to cover the remaining Fiscal year.

Result: The Retirement County Share will have funds for Constable Pct 2 for the remainder of the OPSG FY 2020.

- h. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfers) within grant funds to cover budget balances from 2021-Fiscal Year. This action will not have an impact to the County General Fund. This action will not have an impact to the County General Fund. **[Requested by James Flores-Director- CAA and Economic Development Department]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2368-5170-521-458000	Administrative Travel	\$4,582.14	\$1,000.00	\$3,474.80	\$2,474.80
	2368-5170-521-460028	Janitorial Supplies	\$3,670.58	\$1,618.00	\$2,312.05	\$694.05
	2368-5170-521-444500	Equipment Rental	\$5,991.90	\$86.28	\$4,205.73	\$4,119.45
				\$2,704.28		
To:	2368-5170-521-464010	Dues & Memberships	\$0	\$2,618.00	\$0	\$2,618.00
	2368-5170-521-460105	Minor Tools & Apparatus	\$11,744.28	\$86.28	(\$86.28)	\$ -0-
				\$2,704.28		

Issue: Funds available in account will not cover cost needed to continue operation of service through the end of the budget year.

Solution: Approve the line item transfer.

Result: There will be sufficient funds in both mentioned line items which will allow for continuation of service.

- i. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget increase within Grant Funds; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar; Grant Fund #2906]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2906-3010-337200	Revenue from Webb	\$13,350.00	\$4,469.95	\$4,469.95	-0-
To:	2906-3010-001-410000	Payroll	\$104,892.00	\$4,469.95	(\$5,197.21)	(\$727.26)

Issue: A budget increase is needed to cover shortfall to account for salary increases.

Solution: Submit a budget increase request.

Result: Budget shortfall will be addressed.

- j. Discussion and possible action to approve, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within Grant Funds; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar; Grant Fund #2906]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	2906-3010-001-413000	Overtime	\$12,989	\$765.00	\$1,579.59	\$814.59
To:	2906-3010-001-410000	Payroll	\$104,892	\$730.00	(\$5,197.21)	\$4,467.21
	2906-3010-001-421000	Health Life Insurance	\$18,304	\$35.00	(\$34.00)	\$1.00
				\$765.00		

Issue: A line item transfer is needed to deal with a shortfall within the HIDTA Task Force Grant.

Solution: Request a line item transfer.

Result: The budget will have sufficient funds in each category.

6. Civil Legal Division

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a minor boundary modification for the expansion of City of Laredo's Foreign Trade Zone (F.T.Z.) No. 94, with the Foreign Trade Zone Board/U.S. Dept. of Commerce, as requested by Unimex Trade & Logistics, LLC. as (Lessee-Tenant) and TW Laredo I., LLC. (Owner/Landlord) & City of Laredo by adding Lot Number 1, Block 1, N.D. Hachar Industrial Park, Phase III., Laredo, Webb County, Texas also commonly known as 13604 I.H. 35 Frontage Rd., Laredo, Webb County, Texas 78045, to F.T.Z. No. 94, for approval by Webb County, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Unimex Trade & Logistics, LLC.-Tenant/TW Laredo I, LLC.-Owner/City of Laredo]**
- b. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Webb County (the Webb Sheriff's Office Safe Haven Program, the 406th District Court) and Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter that documents and memorializes the coordination, collaboration, and partnership critical to the implementation to the Justice for Families Grant Program. This MOU is required as part of the grant application to be requested to be authorized for submission by the Webb County Commissioners' Court on February 14, 2022, and is "a vital component" of the application to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) (Pages 12 and 17 of Request for Proposal). The aforementioned grant has no cash match and will have no impact on the general fund. If awarded, this highly competitive grant is anticipated to start on October 1, 2022 and continue until September 30, 2025. **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar]**

Issue: Violence against women is among the most intractable and deadliest criminal justice problems in the United States, especially domestic violence and in the South Texas area. According to published statistics, the number of American women between 2001-2012 who were murdered by current or ex male partners in the United States was 11,766. That's almost double the amount of casualties lost during wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Women who will be victims of severe violence by an intimate partner in their lifetimes are 1 in 4. ("30 Shocking Domestic Violence Statistics That Remind Us It's An Epidemic" Vagianos 10/23/2014)

Solution: Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter, the 406th District Court, and the Webb County Sheriff's Office seek to continue their coordinated, collaborative efforts to assist victims of domestic violence in the local Laredo/Webb County Community.

Result: Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in the Laredo/Webb County area will continue to receive improved, enhanced services from the Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter, the 406th District Court, and the Webb County Sheriff's Office Safe Haven Program to assist them with needed recovery, restitution, privacy, justice, and dignity.

- c. Discussion and possible action to enter into a 10 month Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) beginning January 11, 2022, through October 1, 2022 and which will renew automatically every October 1st, between Webb County and the City of Laredo in which the City's Health Department will perform health services for the Webb County population at four of Webb County's Community Centers (La Presa Community Center at: 1983 Mangana Hein Rd. Laredo, Texas 78046, Rio Bravo Community Center at: 1600 Orquidia Lane, Laredo, Texas 78046, EL Cenizo Community Center at: 3519 Cecilia Ln, El Cenizo, Texas 78046, E.J. Salinas Community Center at: 917 North Main St. Mirando, Texas 78369). This agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which Webb County will provide space at each center while the Health Department provides health services for the population of Webb County and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Jesse Gonzalez, Commissioner Pct. 1]**

- d. Discussion and possible action to ratify a one-year Covid-19 Master Agreement (January 31, 2022, through January 30, 2023) with Abbott Rapid DX North America, LLC for 120 Tests (Reagents) in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$4,920.00) for use by the Medical Examiner, and any matters incident thereto and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Corinne Stern, Medical Examiner; Account #1001-3120-001-461000 (Materials & Supplies), #1001-3100-001-461000 (Materials & Supplies)]**

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve an agreement between the Webb County District Attorney's Office and the United States Marshals Services for reimbursement of employee overtime incurred from joint law enforcement operations project JLEOTFS4, for the performance period of October 12, 2021 through September 30, 2022, in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500.00). District Attorney Forfeiture funds will be utilized to cover the applicable fringe benefits associated with this project's employee(s) overtime, therefore there will be no impact to the General Fund; and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2580-2260-001-413000 (US Marshals - DA)]**

Issue: Collaboration between Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies is necessary to pursue and dismantle organized crime organizations along the Texas border and within our Community.

Solution: Accept Federal assistance to continue local participation in USMS investigations, strategic initiatives and prosecution of organized crime.

Result: Disruption of organized criminal activity in Webb County and along the Texas border.

- f. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year armored car service agreement with Rochester Armored Car Co., Inc., (January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022), for monetary bank deposits for Webb County Justice of the Peace Pct. 4, at a monthly fee of cost of One Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$182.14), and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Judge Jose "Pepe" Salinas, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4, Webb County; Account #1001-2180-001-456005 (Postage & Courier Service)]**

- g. Discussion and possible action to enter into a five (5) year Non-Financial Child Care Services Agreement between Webb County (Early Child Headstart Program) and Laredo College. This agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which Laredo College students will be provided with an opportunity to enter into a program of clinical education or field work experiences with young students at the Early Head-Start program. This agreement shall be for a five year (5yr.) term commencing January 1, 2022 through January 1, 2027; and authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director (Funding Source-Non-Financial Agreement)]**

- h. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Professional Mental Health Consulting Services Agreement between Webb County and PILLAR for the Webb Early Head Start Program. This agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which PILLAR will be providing these mental health consulting services to Webb County. This agreement shall be for a three year (3 yr.) term for three scholastic calendar years commencing December 10, 2021 through December 21, 2024, in accordance with the service treatment fee rates on attached Exhibit "A", subject to annual budgetary appropriations and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign and execute all relevant documents. **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director (Funding Sources - Account Numbers #2355-5200-432088 Mental Health Observation, #2357-5230-531-432068 Consultants Training, #2361-5200-531-432068 Consultants Training, #2361-5200-531-432088 Mental Health Observation, #2367-5200-531-432088 Mental Health Observation, #2367-5230-531-432068 Consultants Training)]**

- i. Discussion and possible action to approve a minor boundary modification for the expansion of the City of Laredo's Foreign Trade Zone (F.T.Z.) No. 94, with the Foreign Trade Zone Board/U.S. Dept. of Commerce as requested by Capin Vyborny, LLC., (as tenant), Laredo Portfolio, LLC., (Owner/Landlord) and the City of Laredo by adding Lot Number 1, Block 2, San Isidro Ranch, East Point Center, Unit 2, Laredo, Webb County, Texas (commonly known as 11302 East Point Dr., Laredo, Webb County, Texas 78045), to F.T.Z. No. 94, and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute any and all relevant documents. **[Requested by Capin Vyborny, LLC.-Tenant/Laredo Portfolio, LLC.-Lessee & City of Laredo]**

- j. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Non-Financial Professional Services Agreement between Webb County (Early Child Headstart Care Partnership (EHS-CCP)) and Serving Children and Adults in Need (S.C.A.N.) for substance abuse education for the Webb County Early Child Headstart Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) for use in their early head start programs. This agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which S.C.A.N. will be providing their professional substance abuse education programs to the Webb County Head Start (EHS-CCP). This agreement shall be for a three year (3yr.) term for three scholastic calendar years commencing September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2024 and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Requested by Aliza Oliveros, Webb County Head Start Director (Funding Source-Non-Financial Agreement)]**

7. **Community Action Agency**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective February 14, 2022:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
1911	Bus Operator	\$12.16

Issue: Slot #1911 is vacant.

Solution: Request is being submitted to fill vacant slot.

Result: Filling of vacant slot #1911 will allow the department to continue to provide transportation services throughout the rural areas of Webb County.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Community Action Agency to enter into an annual vendor agreement with Retail Energy providers (listed below) for the implementation of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). These vendor agreements are a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement for the implementation of the programs and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. These agreements shall be effective from the 1st day of January 2022 for a period not to exceed two years from the effective date. **[Account #2362-5360-521-463804 (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program)]**

List of Retail Energy Providers

CIRRO Energy
AP Gas & Electric (TX) LLC, DBA APG&E
POGO ENERGY
MEDINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC

Issue: Webb County Community Action Agency will enter into an annual vendor agreements with Retail Energy Providers for the implementation of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

Solution: These vendor agreements are a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) requirement for the implementation of the programs.

Result: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will provide funding to be used for payment of qualifying low-income client's home energy expenses.

- c. Discussion and possible action to authorize Webb County Community Action Agency (WCCAA) to maintain its membership in the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc. (TACAA) 2022 Corporate Membership in the amount of \$3,850.00. TACAA's membership is from January 01, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The membership supports the Organization in Texas representing the network of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) entities. Grant funds will be used to pay for membership. **[Fund #2368-5170-521-464010]**

Issue: Approve TACAA 2021 Corporate Membership in the amount of \$3,850.00.

Solution: TACAA advocates for the best interest of Community Action Agencies (CAA's) at the State, regional and national levels.

Result: TACAA works diligently on a number of issues and tasks benefiting all CAA's/Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) entities and as well the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) grants and Weatherization Programs (WAP) grants.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective February 14, 2022:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
1127	Bus Operator	\$12.16

Issue: The employee in slot #1127 retired effective January 31, 2022.

Solution: Request is being submitted to fill slot.

Result: Filling of slot #1127 will allow the department to continue to provide transportation services throughout the rural areas of Webb County.

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve the carry over budget of \$423,525.00 for Contract #58210003406 for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). Fund Account #2362-5150-3303000. Contract started on January 1, 2021 and shall end in March 31, 2022.

Issue: Year and end balances must be carried over and entered into the New World in order to continue the availability if these grant funds, Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program.

Solution: Approval of budget allowing for carryover of year end balances for C.A.A.

Result: Continued availability of State grant funds.

- f. Discussion and possible action to approve the carry over budget of \$367,266.00 for Contract number #61210003468 for the Community Services Block Grant from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Fund Account #2368-5150-330300-030. Contract started on January 1, 2021 and shall end March 31, 2022.

Issue: Year end balances must be carried over and entered into the New World in order to continue the availability if these grants funds, Community Services Block Grant.

Solution: Approval of budget allowing for carryover of year end balances for C.A.A.

Result: Continued availability of State grant funds.

- g. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP's) for a "501 C(3) Non-Profit Corporation" to partner with the Self-Help Center Program to construct not less than two (2) and not more than four (4) homes under the Self-Help Center, Contract #7220013 and in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Section 262.030, Alternate Competitive Proposal Procedure for Certain goods and services and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. This action is will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

Issue: The Self-Help Center has been awarded a grant which includes funds for New Construction.

Solution: Solicit RFP's to seek a partnership with an organization that has the capacity to carry out the New Construction Activity.

Result: Selection of a non-profit organization to carry out the New Construction Activity under the Self-Help Center Grant.

8. Honorable Victor Villarreal, County Court at Law 2 Judge

- a. Discussion and possible action to adjust pay rates for County Court-at-Law II DWI Court Program Staff associated with SAMHSA Grant Award #1H79TI081049 (TI-18-008) and request County Judge to execute all other matters incident thereto. Both of these positions do not fall under the County's Wage Plan, and are funded 100% by grant funds. Both positions are also subject to annual evaluations by the Department Head, and are entitled to additional increases under the grant. There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Slot #	Position	Previous Salary	Proposed Salary	Annual
2901	Project Director	\$55,687	\$56,000	\$56,000
2902	Case Manager	\$42,525	\$45,000	\$45,000

Issue: These proposed salaries are reflected under the SAMHSA grant in County Court-at-Law 2 (TI-18-008) as approved by SAMHSA in the Notice of Award for Grant YR4 FY2021-2022.

Solution: The project respectfully requests approval on salary adjustments.

Result: Both positions will be fully operational to continue to layout DWI Court day to day operations.

9. Economic Development

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a Fiscal Year 2023 Local Border Security Program (FY 23 LBSP) grant application as developed, written, and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office Grant Writer to the Office of the Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) in the amount estimated at \$200,000 for peace officers' overtime and applicable fringe benefits to provide enhanced border security in the Laredo/Webb County area, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents, including the resolution; and any other matters incident thereto. This grant does not require a match; and, thus, will have no impact to the general fund. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Grant Fund #2741]**

Issue: The State of Texas recognizes that border communities face urgent security challenges caused by increased activity from transnational organized criminal syndicates and their allies that are intensified by the fluidity of border crossings, heavy commercial activity, and interdependence of the international border communities' economies. These socio-economic pressures place increased demands on law enforcement services and intensify the need for augmented public safety resources.

Solution: Grant application to provide enhanced border security in Laredo/Webb County in order to fulfill State of Texas local border security program objectives, including overtime (OT) resources to suppress, deter, and reduce border-related criminal activity in Texas.

Result: Enhanced/increased patrol and investigative capacity for certified peace officers working at the Webb County Sheriff's Office.

- b. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Webb County Sheriff's Office to apply to the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) for a Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Justice for Families Program grant as coordinated, developed, written, and submitted by the Webb County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the 406th District Court and the Casa Misericordia Domestic Violence Shelter in the amount roughly estimated at \$550,000 for full-time/part-time personnel, training/travel, leasing, utilities, contractual services, equipment/supplies, and other needs to support the Webb County Sheriff's Office Safe Haven Program, and designating the Webb County Judge as the authorized official in all

matters pertaining to this grant; and any other matters incident thereto. However, this grant only funds the provision of supervised visitation and safe visitation exchange of children and youth by and between parents in situations involving domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or stalking (i.e. not cases of contentious divorces and/or general familial discord/strife regarding custodial legal matters that do not involve these types of violence crimes against women and/or children). This grant does not require a match; and, thus, will have no impact to the general fund. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures.

[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Grant Fund #2607]

Issue: The announcement of the closing of Safe Haven's doors (currently averted) was recent and unforeseeable, leaving the Sheriff's Office and the rest of Webb County scrambling to find the necessary resources to support the program and the families who have come to rely on its services. Thus, there is extremely limited funding now available to supply the staff and other needs for the Safe Haven Program, which provides for secure and supervised visitations and safe exchanges of minor children in the Laredo/Webb County community. This is a crucial need in the local community for families who have experienced contentious custody disputes, allegations of child abuse/neglect, a documented history of family/domestic violence, and other allegations of physical confrontations and/or severe familial discord.

Solution: Apply for grant funds to help secure funding to help fund the needs of the program and its participants from the community.

Result: If grant funded, the Webb County/Laredo community's needs for this type of service will be met. Serious familial violence can be diminished and/or prevented through this program.

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the submission of a revised proposed budget summary for payroll and related fringe benefits for Two (2) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Investigator positions assigned to the Laredo Police Department Task Force in the amount of \$186,070, including \$171,070 grant and \$15,000 cash match for FY 2022 for the performance period effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. This includes an estimated cash match of \$15,000 for some applicable fringe benefits, which shall be paid through the Sheriff's Office state forfeiture funds. **[Requested by Martin Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff; Account #2906 (Grant Revenue)]**

Issue: HIDTA is a multi-agency task force that continues to gather intelligence and disrupts the illicit flow of narcotics and money laundering activities along the South Texas Border region. South Texas HITDA is an alliance of over 57 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies working together to combat drug trafficking and related crimes.

Solution: For the Webb County Sheriff's Office to continue supporting HIDTA by employing grant funded investigators and continue coordinated efforts with other law enforcement agencies to push forward the mission and goals of the South Texas HIDTA task force.

Result: The Webb County Sheriff's Office will continue to employ two (2) HIDTA funded investigators who will actively participate and help the task force fight against the continued flow of illicit drugs and related crime within the South Texas region.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the acceptance of a reimbursement agreement for overtime expenses as per the Memorandum of Understanding between Webb County Sheriff's Office and the Southern District of Texas (79), United States Marshals Services, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. The performance period for this agreement is October 12, 2021, through September 30, 2022. The Webb County Sheriff's Office will receive an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$17,500.00)

in support of Joint Law Enforcement Operations Project JLEOTFS4. Applicable estimated fringe benefits in the amount of \$4,200 associated with this overtime will be covered using state forfeiture funds. Thus, this cooperative agreement will continue to have no impact on the general fund. **[Fund #2599; Cash Match from Fund #2151 (State Forfeiture Fund)]**

Issue: Various criminals with felonious charges, such as but not limited to murder, robberies, sexual assault of minors, all gang-related felonies, and aggravated assaults with deadly weapons, abscond from the local jurisdiction in order to avoid justice for their crimes. Due to the limited manpower and other resources of local law enforcement agencies, these criminal can sometimes continue to successfully evade arrest with impunity.

Solution: Through joint law enforcement overtime (OT) operations, members of the U.S. Marshal's Service Multi-Agency Task Force can continue to assist other local law enforcement agencies, such as the Laredo Police Department and the Zapata County Sheriff's Office, to conduct necessary investigations, covert surveillance and undertaken arrests of absconders who have outstanding warrants for their felonious crimes.

Result: Webb County/Laredo citizens will be safer once these criminals are captured and taken out of the local community in order to face justice for their felonious crimes.

- e. Discussion and possible action to ratify a Resolution for approval to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division for a County Innovations Grant estimated at \$250,000 over the term of the contract. This formal request shall authorize the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in this grant. All grant documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[Requested by Judge Selina L. Mireles]**

Issue: A Resolution is required to authorize submission of application.

Solution: Approve resolution for the submission of grant application.

Result: Associate Judge, Selina L. Mireles will submit grant application to The Office of the Governor.

- f. Discussion and possible action to ratify pending amount of \$600.00 for the release of retainage for Splash Pads USA for the construction of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program Contract 50-000509, Bruni and Rio Bravo Splash Pads and authorize the County Judge to sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by James Flores, Economic Development Director; Accounts #3120-206000, #3701-206000 and #1001-206000]**

Issue: Previous agenda item had a typo and had the amount of retainage for \$27,310.25. Actual retainage amount is \$27,910.25.

Solution: Approve ratification of the \$600.00 pending, so contractor can get paid out.

Result: Pay out contractor full retainage amount.

10. Elections Administration

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective February 14, 2022:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
0046	Elections Technician	\$13.73-\$14.43 10/A-E

Issue: Our office has a vacant position since October 12, 2021.

Solution: Filling this slot will have our department operating with the staff necessary.

Result: Full functional staff to operate our department efficiently and effectively.

11. **Engineering**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the closeout and release of retainage in the amount of \$6,223.02 to Azar Services L.L.C., (Purchase Order 2021-00006271) for the Casa Blanca Golf Cart Path Project; and authorize the County Judge to sign any relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #7100-206000 (Retainage Payable)]**

Issue: Project has been completed with a credit in the amount of \$21,564.65.

Solution: Approve and release retainage amount and close out project.

Result: Project completion will add to the aesthetics of the Casa Blanca Golf Park.

12. **Head Start**

Disclaimer: All Head Start monies are 100% Federal funds

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slots:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Pay Periods</u>
1106 / 1944	Substitute	\$9.71	20

13. **Honorable Juan Paz, Jr., Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 PI. 1**

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of five (5) OptiPlex All-In-One PC's, five (5) Dell Wireless Keyboards and Mouse, two (2) Fujitsu scanners, five (5) Office Professional Plus 2019, five (5) Microsoft Exchange Standard CAL, five (5) Windows Server CAL pursuant to Article 102.0173 of the Texas Criminal Traffic Judicial Code of Criminal Procedure from Insight Public Sector to be used for Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 PI. 1 Judge Juan Paz, Jr., pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102, Texas Local Government Code, Cooperative Purchasing program NCPA Contract 01-44 in the amount of Eleven Thousand Fifty-Six Dollars and Thirty cents (\$11,056.30) with further action to transfer funds from Account #2009-2180-001-460105 and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2009-2140-001-460105 (Minor Tool & Apparatus-Technology Fund)]**

Issue: The Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 PI. 1 is need of additional updated computers and scanners for their department's court operations.

Solution: By the approval of use of the available Technology funds, the department can procure computer equipment needed for daily court operations.

Result: The approval of the purchase will allow the Justice of the Peace Court Pct. 1 PI. 1 to continue to function efficiently and effectively.

14. **Public Defender**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot, under the Webb County Integrated Defense Project, Grant Number 212-19-D04. The posting and filling of slot #2916 will be subject to the availability of payroll funds, and any applicable Civil Service Guidelines, as well as any and all Wage Plan Policies, effective February 14, 2022:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
2916	Supervising Attorney (Immigration)	\$81,633.44 - \$91,290.04 (24/N-W)

Issue: Slot #2916 will become vacant on February 15, 2022.

Solution: Request is being made to post and fill the vacant slot.

Result: This action will allow our department to continue to provide our clients and Assistant Public Defenders consultation services on complex immigration issues and allow our department to continue to function efficiently and effectively.

15. **Purchasing**

- a. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to process surplus and/or salvage property in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 263.152 (Disposition) and to publish notice to public as per Local Government Code Section 263.153 (Notice) for surplus and/or salvage property being auctioned.

Issue: Excess county property that is either by definition salvage or surplus property because of time, accident, or any other cause such as, wear and deterioration, damaged, or obsolete that has no value and/or usefulness for the intended purpose and is no longer needed by the department.

Solution: Authorize the Purchasing Agent to attempt to sell the County surplus or salvage property through public auction, dispose or destroy property that cannot be sold through public auction because it has deemed worthless or dispose through a recycling program under which property is collected, separated, or processed and returned to use in the form of raw materials of new products and/or donate as permitted by state law.

Result: Generate auction revenue from sale of county property, reduce county expenditures by transferring surplus property to other departments and make room for future assets replacing salvage or surplus items no longer needed.

- b. Discussion and possible action to reject all Request for Proposals for RFP 2021-009 "3 Year Revenue Contract for Vending Machines" and authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-solicit to secure new proposals.

Issue: Two (2) proposals were secured but will re-solicit to secure additional vendor participation.

Solution: Authorize the Purchasing Agent to re-solicit for Request for Proposals.

Result: Secure new proposals for a revenue and service contract for vending machines for Webb County offices.

- c. Discussion and possible to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase one mobile command center from Global Enterprise, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$382,660.00 for all labor, tools, equipment, material, shipping and project management for the manufacturing of the Sheriff's 44ft Mobile Command Center (GSA Contract No. GS-30F-040BA) in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Sections 271.101, 271.102, Sub-Chapter F. Cooperative Purchasing Programs and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #2475-3010-001-470000 Capital Outlay – Operation Loan Star Grant #4376701]**

Issue: Homeland security/border security matters require force multiplier technologies.

Solution: Utilize the GSA Cooperative Contract to purchase the Mobile Command Center funded with Operation Lone Star Grant funds.

Result: Proceed with order if approved, built estimated time of completion is 120-210 days.

- d. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek competitive proposals for a Preventive Maintenance Service Agreement for the HVAC System located at the downtown campus main chiller plant and all other associated components tied to the main chiller plant in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Section 262.030 Alternative Competitive Proposal Procedures for Certain Goods and Services and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Webb County is seeking an annual / quarterly inspection, maintenance and other related routine checks to ensure the HVAC system for Webb County downtown campus is maintained and inspected frequently to ensure optimum performance.

Solution: Seek consent from Commissioners Court, in the best interest for Webb County to authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek competitive proposals from vendors who are certified to work on Trane equipment and other brands of HVAC equipment currently installed and operational in the downtown campus for Webb County.

Result: Initiate the formal procurement process to seek competitive proposal and return to Commissioners Court for award of highest ranking proposal.

- e. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek competitive bids for the installation of new Butterfly Isolation Valves for the Billy Hall Building located at 1110 Washington Street in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Section 262.021 (County Purchasing Act) and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: Currently the Billy Hall Building does not have isolation valves at each floor. Installing isolation valves will help stop a potential leak of pressurize water from our chiller system and will isolation the leak and prevent interruption of cooling system to other floors to include potential water damage to county property.

Solution: Authorize the Purchasing Agent to seek competitive bids as per State Law.

Results: Secure competitive pricing and present to Court for award to lowest responsible bidder.

16. Honorable Martin Cuellar, Sheriff

- a. Discussion and possible action to ratify, by Order, the following budget amendment (line item transfer) within General funds. **[Requested by Sheriff Martin Cuellar]**

	Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Adopted	Request	Current	End Bal.
From:	1001-4070-001-443000-035	Repair Maint Equip	\$33,000	\$7,500	\$28,845.70	\$21,345.70

To:	1001-4070-001-443000-020	Repair Maint Build	\$80,000	\$7,500	\$710.65	\$8,210.65
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Issue: Not enough funds to pay pending invoice (Temprite). The Generator at the jail has a leak that needs to be repaired.

Solution: Transfer funds to Repair Maint Building account.

Result: Proceed with repairs and pay pending invoice.

17. Water Utilities

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve an amendment to the Professional Services agreement between Webb County and Trac-N-Trol, Inc., pursuant to Webb County R.F.Q. 2019-004 - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (S.C.A.D.A) System upgrades for the Utilities Department by adding thirty (30) days to completion date of the agreement, due to the water flow meter supply chain with no financial cost to Webb County, and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign any and all relevant documents.

Issue: Contractor needs additional (30 Days) to complete final Water Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrades due to supply chain issues which were on backorder and have been delivered.

Solution: Approve the (30 Day) extension amendment to the Professional Services agreement between Webb County and Trac-N-Trol.

Result: Completion of the Water Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrade project.

REGULAR AGENDA

Honorable Esther Degollado, District Clerk

- 18. Discussion with possible action to transfer Slot 0123 – Passport Supervisor, from the Tax Assessor-Collector’s Office to the District Clerk’s Office to handle passport duties due to the substantial increase in passport applications currently being handled by the District Clerk’s Office; and any other matters incident thereto.

Economic Development

- 19. Discussion and possible action to approve change order No. 1 in the amount of \$1,958.57 to the contract with Alsay Inc., for the Texas Department of Agriculture TXCDBG Mirando Water Well Phase II Project No. 7219095; and authorizing the County Judge to execute any relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #3523-7230-001-470000]**

Issue: Change order is being submitted for final inventory of as built construction items.

Solution: Approve change order so contractor can finish construction of wells.

Result: Contractor finishes construction on both water wells.

- 20. Discussion and possible action to approve a Contribution in Aid of Construction Agreement for Electrical Distribution Service with AEP in the amount of \$20,185.76 for the installation and construction of electrical distribution to connect both water wells to electricity for Texas Department of Agriculture TXCDBG Mirando Water Well Phase II Project No. 7219095 and further authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents and any other matters incident thereto. Recommended by James E. Flores, Economic Development. **[Account #1001-1130-01-431007-010 (Operational Reserve)]**

Issue: We are required to meet the 35 GPM TCEQ requirement. The first water well solely did not meet the 35 GPM requirement, therefore a second water well was needed. Additional electrical appurtenances were then required, as per the project engineer and AEP recommendations. Additional funds are needed to meet electrical power installations.

Solution: Approve agreement with AEP to install and construct electrical distributions.

Result: Newly constructed water wells will be able to operate.

- 21. Discussion and possible action to accept the recommendation of the Webb County ARPA Scoring Committee for award of Non-Governmental Organizations ARPA Sub-Award Applications; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto.

NGO Applicants	Funding Amount
Casa Misericordia	\$186,000
Laredo Housing Development Corporation	\$200,000
Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center	\$200,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$200,000
Texas A&M University Colonia	\$200,000
Mercy Ministries of Laredo	\$161,708
Imaginarium of South Texas	\$90,000

Kidney Foundation of Laredo	\$10,000
Sacred Heart Children's Home	\$200,000
Laredo Regional Food Bank	\$200,000

Issue: Commissioners Court approves the awards to NGOs.

Solution: Obtain Commissioners Court approval to award NGOs through ARPA funding.

Result: Award NGOs and enter into an agreement with them in accordance with federal requirements and guidelines.

Extension Office

22. Discussion and possible action to approve the posting and filling of the following Slot, subject to the availability of payroll funds and any applicable Civil Service guidelines, effective April 1, 2022:

<u>Slot #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
0607	Extension Agent - 4H Youth Development	\$22,307.00 5/A

Issue: Permission required to fill slot #0607, 4-H agent, to address support needs of Webb County youth enrolled in Webb County 4-H program.

Solution: Fill job opening of vacant position to allow for structure and support of 4-H program in Webb County.

Result: The filling of Slot #0607 will continue to provide leadership for an effective community-based educational program that supports the 4-H & Youth development programming in Webb County, including livestock projects, shooting sports, and leadership for youth in agriculture and natural resources.

Human Resources

23. Discussion and possible action to correct Webb County Personnel Policy 8.41- Definition of Immediate Family for Funeral Leave, in an effort to include County employee's spouse immediate family, which was inadvertently left out in the amended Policy.

Issue: The definition of immediate family for the purpose of funeral leave has always included the employee's spouse immediate family.

Solution: Approval of this revision will reflect the original intention of this policy.

Result: Webb County Personal Policy will reflect the original intent of defining immediate family for funeral leave.

Casa Blanca Golf Course

24. Discussion with possible action to transfer \$20,000 for the materials and supplies needed to construct the covered area at the driving range at the Casa Blanca Golf Course; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Webb County Judge Tano E. Tijerina and Commissioner Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina; Account #1001-1130-001-431007-010 (Operational Reserve)]**

Civil Legal Division

25. Discussion and possible action to enter into a construction contract with Quantcorp Construction LLC in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$1,773,682.00) for the Webb County Detoxification Facility Project (former Juvenile Detention Center at 1300 Chicago St., Laredo, Texas 78041) and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Account #3902-7230-001-474501 (Construction in Progress) \$1,753,310; authorizing transfer from Series 2020 Interest Income of \$20,373.00 = \$1,773,683.00]**
26. Discussion and possible action to enter into, by Order, a Public Property Finance Act Contract, No. 9820, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 271.005 (Authority to Contract for Personal Property), between Government Capital Corporation ("GCC") and Webb County for the purpose of financing three (3) Automated Side Load Refuse Trucks for the Road and Bridge Department in an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS FORTY CENTS (\$1,018,964.40), with a financing term of five (5) annual payments of \$203,792.88 at an interest rate of 2.888%, with the first annual payment due twelve (12) months after Commissioners Court approval and any other matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Account #2007-7160-001-470000- Capital Outlay, Account #2007-9080-39000- Other Financing Sources]**
- Issue:** There is currently no funding in the Road and Bridge 2021-2022 FYE budget for the purchase of the heavy equipment (Refuse Trucks).
- Solution:** Consider approval of a finance agreement with GCC to finance the purchase of the three (3) Refuse Trucks.
- Result:** Refuse trucks needed will be purchased.
27. Discussion and possible action to enter into an Agreement Addendum with Jackson & Coker to retain the services of a Pathologist (locum tenens) from February 22, 2022 through February 26th, 2022 at \$273.25 per hour to provide autopsy services at the Webb County Medical Examiner's Office and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. **[Medical Examiner Funds available from General Operating Fund #1001-1130-001-43201 (Professional Services), Medical Examiner #1001-3100-001-432001 (Professional Services) or in the event the expenses qualify ARPA funds]**
28. Presentation, discussion and possible action to initiate the creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Siete Wind Reinvestment Zone No. 1 being approximately 59,890.35 acres located south of the intersection Highway 59 and FM 2895 and extends approximately 6 miles to both the east and west and any matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC]**
29. Presentation, discussion and possible action to initiate the creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Pradera Solar Reinvestment Zone No. 1 being approximately 2529.95 acres located directly south of the intersection Highway 59 and east of the AEP Lobo Stations and any matters incident thereto. **[Requested by Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC]**

Community Action Agency

30. Discussion and possible action to authorize the use of two (2) County buses from CAA- El Aguila to be used by the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA) at the upcoming Caballero's Cocktail Party which will be held on Friday, February 18th 2022 at Paseo Real allowing a reimbursement in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the requested transportation services; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by James Flores, CAA Executive Director; Account #2661- 5150- 357420]**
31. Discussion and possible action to authorize the use of three (3) County buses from CAA- El Aguila to be used by the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association (WBCA) at the upcoming Stars and Stripes Air Show which will be held on Sunday, February 27th 2022 at the Laredo International Airport allowing a reimbursement in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) for the requested transportation services; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Requested by James Flores, CAA Executive Director; Account #2661- 5150- 357420]**

Elections

32. Discussion and possible action to approve a Physical Security Proposal between Webb County and DataVox for a five (5) year Camera license for the Webb County Elections Office to include Ten (10) Verkada CM41 indoor Mini Dome Cameras with 365 days of cloud based storage in an amount not to exceed \$26,747.20 pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code, Cooperative Purchasing program (Texas DIR # 176-025-1479-000; Contract No. DIR-CPO-4766) and to further authorize the transfer of funds from the Operational Reserve, Account #1001-1130-001-431007-010 to Minor tools and Apparatus, Account #1001-1110-001-460105 under the Election Administration fund and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1110-001-460105 (Minor tools and Apparatus)]**

Issue: Section 127.1232 of Texas Election Code (12/2/2021) mandates any county with a population over 100,000 to implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of areas containing voted ballots from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvas of precinct elections returns. Additionally, it reads that the video shall be made available the public by a livestream.

Solution: Authorize the use of a cooperative contract vendor for the State of Texas who has met all the competitive bidding requirements of the State.

Results: Order will be placed immediately after Court approval and transfer of funds. Estimated time of delivery is 1 week.

Purchasing

33. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford F-150 Police Package Vehicle from Silsbee Ford for a total of \$60,508.35 for the Webb County Attorney's Office pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code, Cooperative Purchasing program; TIPS 210-907. **[Grant Account #2468-2270-001-470000 Capital Outlay/OPSG (\$42,998.99) & #2172-2270-001-470000 Capital Outlay Forfeiture Account (\$17,509.36)]**

Issue: Vehicle was awarded to County Attorney's Office by OPSG Grant.

Solution: Authorize the purchase utilizing cooperative pricing through The Inter-local Purchasing System.

Result: Order the grant funded vehicle for the County Attorney's Office.

34. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of two (2) 2022 Ford F-450 trucks from Global Enterprise for a total of \$156,094 for the Sheriff's Office to pull the command centers pursuant to Sections 271.101 and 271.102 of the Texas Local Government Code, Cooperative Purchasing program; GSA Number GS-30F-0404BA and GS074-248BA. **[Grant Account #2475-3010-001-470000 (Capital Outlay Operation Lonestar Grant)]**

Issue: Vehicles were awarded to the Sheriff's Office by the Operation Lonestar Grant.

Solution: Authorize the purchase utilizing cooperative pricing through The Inter-Local Purchasing System.

Result: Order the grant funded vehicle for the Sheriff's Office.

Water Utilities

35. Discussion and possible action to award a contract in the amount of \$68,080.00 to American Generator Services LLC, to modify and upgrade our current backup Transfer Switch Sequence/Operation Programming for the power outage generators located at the Rio Bravo Water Treatment Plant and to further grant by order of the Commissioners Court an exemption in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code; Section 262.024 (Discretionary Exemptions)(a.)(2.) an item to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the County; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #7220-7280-001-443000-035, Repairs & Maintenance Equipment (2016 Water Utility Improvement Series)]**

Issue: When the Rio Bravo Water Treatment Plant as built and put online in 2006 the generators were installed and programmed with natural gas as the primary source for power and the electrical utility generators to be used as a secondary backup power source. We currently have system running with electrical utility due to the cheaper cost compared to natural gas powered generators, which are more expensive to run due to the high cost of natural gas. The dual source power programming is will give the Utilities Dept. to automatically switch from one source of power i.e.; gas to electric or electric to gas as the main power source for the generators in the event of a power outage.

Solution: Approve and authorize the Backup Generator upgrades to our Transfer Switch Station. Annual contract vendor was not able to provide contracted pricing since it will require additional programming in addition to the electrical upgrades being requested. A discretionary exemption is being recommended in order to process this scope of work in a more timely fashion to avoid any issues with the backup generators to the Water plant.

Result: Department will have the ability to automatically transfer from electrical to natural gas power for the Backup Generators in the event of a Power Outage and ensure continuance of utility services to both Rio Bravo and El Cenizo.

36. Discussion and possible action to enter into a bulk water sales agreement for a three month period between Webb County (Webb County Utilities Department) and SUN Coast Resources, Inc. for the sale of potable water from the Rio Bravo Water Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed 12,000 gallons per day at the following price: Up to 3,000 Gallons/\$88.00, plus any additional gallons priced at 1,000 gal./\$3.90 (pro-rated) and any matters incident thereto; authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Issue: Company is seeking to purchase Potable Water from the Rio Bravo Water Treatment Plant for the temporary Migrant Tent Center

Solution: Approve the service to Sun Coast Resources.

Result: Provide Service to Company who is contracted out with the Migrant Tent Center.

Budget Officer

37. Discussion and possible action to approve the following budget amendment (line item transfers) for the distribution of funds to United Independent School District, Laredo Independent School District and Webb Consolidated School District from the reserve fund balance of the Webb County School Lands that is to be distributed on a Scholastic Basis; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Available Permanent School Funds]**

Acct. Number	Acct. Name	Request
5100-8010-001-480001	LISD	\$58,416.50
5200-80108001-480001		\$1,113,361.53
	Total	\$1,171,778.03
5100-8010-001-480002	UISD	\$126,562.90
5200-8010-001-480002		\$2,412,165.35
	Total	\$2,538,728.24
5100-8010-001-480003	WCISD	\$705.60
5200-8010-001-480003		\$13,448.10
	Total	\$14,153.71

Issue: The original budget for these accounts were adopted with an estimated amount before the final numbers were provided by each school district.

Solution: The budget adjustment will provide accurate amounts in each account for the general request for payment.

Result: The disbursements of funds will be processed.

Commissioners Court Administrator

38. Discussion and possible action to enter into a retainer agreement in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 with Segal Waters Consulting for Phase V of additional employee classification and wage consulting services; and authorizing Civil Legal Division to finalize said agreement; and authorizing County Judge to execute all relevant documents; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Account #1001-1130-001-432001 General Operating Account - Professional Services]**
39. Status report by Owners Representative, Gilpin Engineering Company, with discussion and possible action regarding the Webb County Fairgrounds project and any other matters incident thereto.

Honorable Tano E. Tijerina, Webb County Judge

40. Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of James Flores as County representative to the Laredo Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors for One (1) year term. **[Requested by Laredo Economic Development Corporation]**

41. Discussion with possible action to adopt the updated County Travel Policies and Procedures to more accurately reflect actual travel costs; and any other matters incident thereto.

Issue: The travel policy section 7.0 Lodging needs to be updated to reflect reasonable cost at the most economical rate available.

Solution: Approval of this update will enable Webb County to approve lodging at reasonable cost.

Result: Webb County will have most updated travel policy.

42. Presentation by Veteran's Office regarding the possible donation of a Soldier Battle Cross in dedication to all the fallen soldiers, to be placed at the Veteran's Cemetery; with discussion and possible action; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Co-Sponsored by Rosaura Tijerina, Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2] [Account #1001-5410-001-463584]**
43. Discussion and possible action to dedicate the Rio Bravo Fitness Center to fallen U.S. Marine, David Lee Espinoza and to name it Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza Fitness Center and any other matters incident thereto. **[Co-Sponsor by Jesse Gonzalez, Commissioner Pct. 1]**

Closed Session/Executive Session

44. Status report by Ms. Melissa Morales Fletcher (retained outside legal counsel), with discussion and possible action regarding Cause No. 2018CVI001385 D4, styled Ricardo "Rick" Manuel Romo vs. Webb County, Texas and Marco Montemayor, Individually; and any other matters incident thereto. **[Closed Session/Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071(1)(A)(Consultation with Attorney regarding pending litigation)] [Requested by Civil Legal Division]**
45. Status report by outside counsel with discussion and possible action regarding Abelardo G. Gonzalez v. Ponce Trevino, Civil Action No. 5:20-cv-00052. **[Closed Session/Executive Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney, pending or contemplated litigation].**

Presentations

46. Presentation by Professor James O' Meara, Dean of the College of Education PH-303 Texas A&M International regarding the Making Laredo the Best City in Texas to Be Born project and any other matters incident hereto. **[Requested by Tano E. Tijerina, County Judge]**
47. **Communications**
48. **Adjourn**

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into closed session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the County Attorney or other legal counsel for the County, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.



DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid of service such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or need large print are requested to contact the court administrator at (956) 523-4622.

DATED THIS 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

By: Melinda Mata
Melinda Mata
Court Administrator

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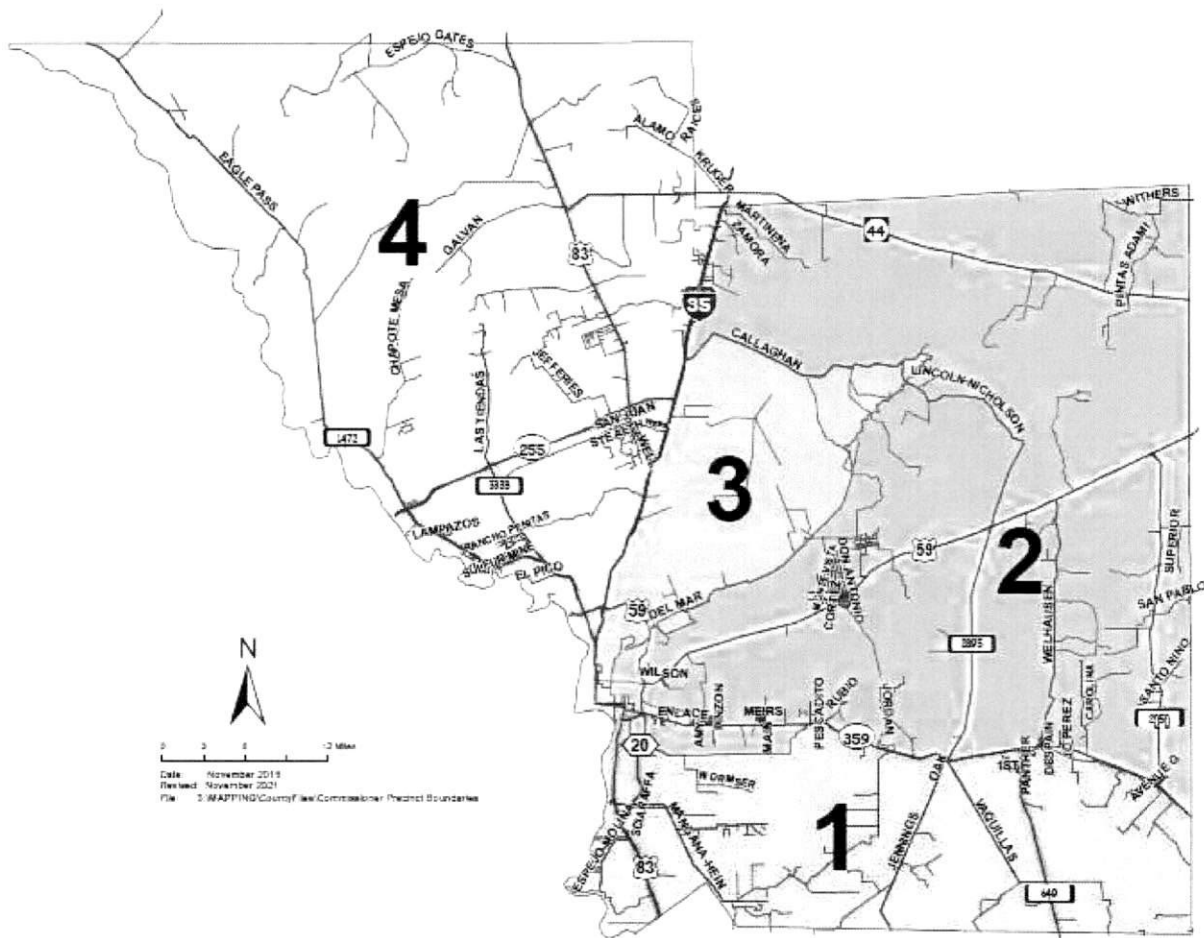
I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Webb County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 14th day of February, 2022 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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



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